***Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*** Essay Questions

As a part of your unit test on this book, you will need to answer these questions. I am giving them to you now to help you prepare.

1. Describe Huck's feelings about living with the Widow Douglas and her sister, Miss Watson. Which one of the ladies does he like more? Why? What does he feel about their attempts to "civilize" him?
2. What kind of man was Huck's father? Use examples from the story to support your answer. How did Huck feel when his father returned to the village?
3. Why does pap forbid Huck to go to school? How would you react to pap's demand if you were Huck? Explain.
4. Why did Huck stage his own death?
5. When Huck finds Jim, he promises that he will not turn Jim in, even though Jim is a runaway slave. What does this tell you about Huck's character?
6. What did the river mean to Huck? Explain.
7. Huck quickly realizes that the Duke and Dauphin are con men. What is a con man? What does his ability to see these men for what they really are tell you about Huck? What does his decision not to confront them about their fraud tell you?
8. How was Jim betrayed? How did Huck react when he learned that Jim had been captured as a runaway slave? What did he decide to do?
9. The story contains several ironic episodes. Identify three and describe them. Explain why they are ironic.
10. Throughout the story, Huck rebels against civilization. At the end of the novel, has he become more "civilized"? Explain.